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THEIR WORK DONE, THE BOYS WANT TO RETURN HOME

Corporal Estes D. Grant Writes From France How The American Soldier Boys Toil on the Roads--Great University Also Being Built, and For Whom? Wants American People to Help Them Return to Their Native Land.

(The following letter from Corporal Estes D. Grant, who is somewhere in France, is sent us by his mother, Mrs. J. H. Grant, of Whitwell, for publication.)

First, I will give an account of the 78th division in the latter days of its fighting. This division under command of Mayor General McRae, and supported by its own artillery, the 153rd Brigade, under command of Brigadier-General Heum, took over the sector "beyond the Argonne," just in front of Grandpre, and at the last on Oct. 14 three times the 78th attacked Grandpre and the citadel just beyond it. Before this strong point of the Boche was taken six times a brigade of the 78th doughboys drove through the Bois des Loges, a patch of woods about a kilometre square before it was cleared of the Boche and so strongly fumigated by our artillery fire that it was impossible for them to remain. The big operations which finally wiped out the Bois de Loges and carried us forward forty kilometres was started on Nov. 1. Before this 153rd Brigade fired every gun at the rate of 300 rounds per hour for seven hours. Coming through a great forest on the left flank as a part of the preparations. At the hour set the 78th stepped off from Grandpre and in front of the Bois des Loges, machine guns stopped one brigade temporarily as they belched their spit of death, but a little artillery concentration fixed that patch of woods and the Armistice saw the boys fighting with all effort.

In these battles I've just mentioned in this division, there were 915 killed in action, 339 died of wounds, 508 missing in action, 63 taken prisoners, a total loss of 1825. After reading the above statements, do you think we have done our bit? If so, and you appreciate it, show that you do by helping us to return to our homes. I will admit that there are divisions over here that came long before the 78th, but none have seen harder fighting, and what more can we do than offer our lives? Isn't that enough? Now that the war is over and the victory won that you have wished for so long, we want to come home.

I was drafted by the local board of Marion County on Sept. 6th. I was trained three weeks and then was sent to this country, where I joined this division, and I find that there are the best of mechanics in this organization and they are now doing fatigue duty. As I have just said they are good mechanics and

have received big money for their work in civilian life. How can these men be satisfied building roads and repairing this country? Is it their duty? If so, why? We won the war. Is not that enough? If so why can't we return to our jobs and loved ones at home? I know it is impossible for us all to go home at once, but I was brought "over here" in one month, and I figure I could go back in twice the time.

Probably you people think that we are having a good time and do not want to come home, but "we want to come home." I noticed an article in a newspaper a few days since. I do not know who wrote the article, as there was no name given. I don't suppose he was worthy of a name. In my estimation he is not. Anyhow the man writes as follows:

"The boys of the A. E. F. are satisfied and do not want to return to the U. S. A. They are being better fed and clothed than they were in civilian life, and they are satisfied." He also added that we had better jobs than in civilian life. I don't know who told this man all this, but I will assure you that it was not a member of the A. E. F. If this man thinks this life is so nice, why doesn't he come over and be with us. Also William H. Taft was in favor of keeping us "over here" two years. We will also give him an invitation over. We can furnish him and the other man who is so fond of this country both a fatigue uniform and a pail of disinfectant; also a N. C. O. to show him and his pal their duty. There are just as good men as either who are doing this duty each day.

I notice in different papers of men giving lectures of what the brave boys have done. We appreciate that of them to a certain extent, but while they are telling of the great things the boys have done, they must remember that we want to come home. These men are so highly educated and can explain everything so nicely. We would appreciate it if they would write the War Department and ask our return. I think we can tell the story of what we have done better than they can. They might give some other Division credit for what our division has done, and we want all the credit that we deserve.

We are now building a university. Of course this is a good thing for someone. Who will it be? Are they going to keep us

The Rose of all the World

One night I saw her in my dreams,
A girl with golden hair,
Who walked by emerald silver streams;
Her face was wondrous fair.
She wore a gown of palest blue,
With webs of finest lace,
That glimmered like the crystal dew
Upon a violet's face.

The beauty of a pale pink rose
Was on her gentle breast,
The hazy sky that summer knows
Hung vapors in the west.
The birds were singing in the trees,
The zephyrs whispered low,
And fragrant was the gentle breeze
That summer long ago.

It was my angel mother dear
Who died when I was born,
Who walks where skies are ever clear
In God's celestial morn.
Who comes to me when I am sad,
And loving friends have flown,
Who laughs with me when I am glad--
Ah! love doth know its own.

I found within a cedar chest,
These treasures stored away;
The antique lace like morning mist
She wore that summer's day.
The withered rose, the pale blue gown--
But oh! the best of all,
Is mother's picture looking down
Upon me from the wall.

—Adelbert Clark.

over here and educate us? Are they going to bring the boys from the U. S. A. to educate them? We can't bring this University home with us if we ever come. So who is it going to benefit?

There was an order read last Sunday that there would be church services at 9:15 o'clock. Shortly afterwards the company was ordered for duty. The work is more important than the religious affairs. I very seldom see anyone except an American soldier working the roads, and is it their duty or not?

Now that the war is over "we want to come home." What are you going to do to help us? Give it a thought.

CORP. ESTES E. GRANT.
78th Division, A. E. F.

Damage Done By Freeze

Considerable damage was done Friday night by frost. Potato tops were killed—in some localities, completely. Beans were laid flat. Wheat which was far advanced, also was badly damaged. Whether fruit is damaged or not remains to be seen, as only time will tell the story. The "Blackberry Winter" of 1919, which is the season when blackberries bloom, was worse than Easter.

Joe Leland attended a house party in Battle Creek, Saturday and Sunday.

Paris, Texas.

Special to the News.

I feel disappointed in not getting last week's News. However, I am to blame, as I did not send my new address in time. I filled out a change of address notice, and left it in the postoffice in Dallas, but they do not pay much attention to papers. I have received several letters, but no papers forwarded from Dallas.

I am having a very nice time here in Paris. Have not had much opportunity to get acquainted yet. I did not feel able to go to church last Sunday, but hope to be able to attend next Sunday, and thereby get acquainted with some. I placed my church letter with the Central Presbyterian church. Hope to meet some good people when I can attend.

I have not been over the city yet, I have been out only three or four times since my son came home from Mineral Wells, where he had been attending a good roads convention, but Paris is one of the best little cities I ever saw. They have about 15,000 population and it is very nicely laid out. They have more paved streets than any town of its size I was ever in.

Gardens look fine for the chance they have had. It has been so wet and cold things could not grow very well. New string beans, onions and Irish potatoes have made their appearance on the market. Strawberries have been on the market for several days, but still they are good. Nothing better than strawberries and cream and good cake. There are a lot of blackberries grown in and around Paris. A little later we will feast on many other things home-grown.

I think I will be well satisfied here. I am treated so kindly that I feel like it would be almost an insult to even look like I was not satisfied. That doesn't mean that I have lost my love and respect for my friends in and near Dallas and at Arlington. Of course I get lonely when I think that I am so far away that I can't see them when I want to, but one making nothing has to be careful about expense. It costs \$6.64 to go to Dallas and return and 81 cents to go on to Arlington.

T. S. Bracken's boys are expected to get back from overseas about the 1st of June and that is about the

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time I expect my own son home. I will sure go on a visit then and possibly get to be at a wedding or two. There are very good prospects for good crops in Texas this year, tho' one cannot tell much, if anything about it, it is all guess work at this time.

"J. G." of Eastland, what is Dan Miller's address? Write us a good letter through the News. I hope to see letters from many places in the next paper.

The Victory Loan Campaign is on with a rush, with outlook for Lamar county to raise their quota in just a few days. Everyone seems to be interested in this Fifth Loan more than any heretofore.

Good wishes to all, as ever,
Lone Star.

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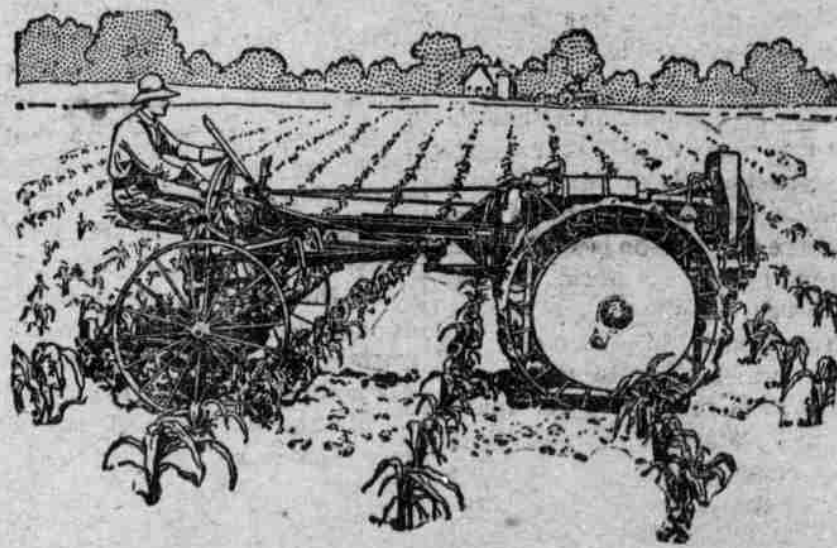
Real estate of all kinds for sale—mills, farms, timber lands and city property. These farms are near Winchester, Decherd, Cowan and Eastland Springs, and range from five to six hundred and fifty acres, and range in price from thirty-six to one hundred and twenty-five dollars per acre. I have one hundred farms on my list, if you are in the market. I have anything you want, at the right price. If you want real estate, write or call, E. L. Stamper, Winchester, Tenn. Phone 53. Call after 8 o'clock p. m. Adv. 24,3t

Moline Makes Fine Showing

A tractor demonstration was held at Winchester Thursday, which was very interesting. The Moline tractor exhibited by A. R. Pryor, of Jasper, seems to have carried off the palm, making a splendid showing. The soil was feeling the effects of drouth, and was not of the sandy variety, and some of the other tractors fell down badly on the job. The Moline, however, plowed right along doing good work. A part of the demonstration was on a hillside of mulatto land, and was a very trying proposition. The performance of the Moline was O. K., however, on the proposition, and brought down the praise of the spectators, including representatives of other tractor-building firms, who were honest enough to express their appreciation of the good work of the Moline.

Mrs. Albert Cushman and baby of Chattanooga, were here the first of the week, the guests of Mrs. Cushman's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Haynes.

Mrs. Mary Pease, formerly of Herrin, Ill., orders her copy of the News sent to Whitwell, where she is now located.



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Respectfully,

W. H. ARNOLD
Decherd, Tenn.

NOTICE.

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